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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF KENSINGTON,

For the Year ending March, 1865.

The selectmen charge themselves with the sum of ~~$17,462.06~~ 14762.06, and by them derived from the following sources, viz.:

Raised in state, county, town, school and school-house taxes, on residents,	$3,862 04
Raised in taxes, on non-residents,	403 24
Received in cash of the selectmen, for the year 1863,	478 27
Amos T. Rowe, collector for 1861–62,	51 60
Cyrus D. Wadleigh, collector for 1863,	17 28
Due-bill against J. T. Blake, for	5 00
Literary Fund,	32 40
Jonathan Tucke, towards the support of Samuel Tucke,	60 00
State Treasurer, as a part of the first instalment of the national bounty,	496 00
Second instalment,	80 00
County Commissioners, for the support of William Blake,	67 50
Ebenezer Ramsdell,	51 00
J. Roberts,	54 75
State Treasurer, by note, for assignments of State bounty warrants,	2300 00
For the use of the Town House,	50
State Treasurer, reimbursement of State aid, furnished to families of volunteers, March 1, 1864,	2284 67

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

Received, J. Palmer, surveyor of highways,	$5 91
A. J. Shaw, " "	1 90
By borrowing,	4510 00
	$14,762 06

The selectmen discharge themselves as follows, viz.:

Paid State tax in full,	$1050 00
County tax in full,	395 24
	$1445 24

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid F. Hilliard, Prudential Committee for District No. 1,	$222 91
J. S. Austin and J. Palmer, Prud. Com. for District No. 2,	279 79
Rev. E. D. Eldridge, Sup. Committee,	10 00
	$512 70

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid New Hampshire Asylum, for board of Samuel Tucke,	$156 61
P. M. Badger, for boarding and clothing L. Y. Pervere one year, to March 20, 1865,	65 00
J. Wadleigh, for boarding and clothing W. Blake one year, to March 10, 1865,	82 50
J. D. Prescott, for clothing for W. Blake,	3 95
B. Blake, for coffin and robe for Jos. Sanborn,	6 00
J. W. Brown, for services, with his horse, at the burial of J. Sanborn,	75
Zacheus Roberts, towards his support, since Nov. 14, 1864,	34 00
L. S. Ramsdell, towards the support of E. Ramsdell, to March 12, 1865,	$2.00 ~~50 00~~
L. S. Ramsdell, for the support of J. Roberts, to March 12, 1865,	57 75
L. Weymouth, for her support to March 15, 1865,	74 33
N. Eastman, for boarding J. Sanborn, one week,	3 00
J. D. Prescott, for boarding transient persons,	50

Paid	Dr. Jenkins, for attendance on L. Weymouth in 1863, and on J. Sanborn in 1864,	$6 75
	John Chase, for services at the burial of J. Sanborn,	2 00
	A. J. Shaw, for board and attendance of Alexander Stephens,	6 25

CONTINGENT EXPENSES, NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid	George Blake, on note,	$50 00
	Calvin Sawyer, note and interest,	415 63
	Charles E. Hull, interest on a note,	27 00
	S. Green, for administering oaths,	20
	Note in favor of B. F. Austin,	311 92
	Joseph Odlin, interest on notes,	45 00
	I. D. Smith, part of the principal on note,	2,400 00
	S. Green, for the use of money,	1 25
	C. H. Goodwin, for surveyor's books,	1 50
	M. E. Blake, interest on note,	5 00
	M. A. Rundlett, interest on note,	46 50
	F. Grant, for Inventory and Collector's books,	2 00
	Rufus Spalding, interest on note,	18 00
	Amanda Currier, for washing Town House,	2 25
	Abel Brown, interest on note,	10 00
	G. W. Walton, for taking enrolled men to Portsmouth for exemption,	10 00
	L. B. Smith, interest on note,	30 34
	Cyrus P. Stephens, interest on notes,	37 50
	" as a bonus for money,	4 00
	J. Brown, towards setting a stone post at the N. E. corner of Kensington,	1 00
	John French, principal and interest on a note,	112 00
	C. E. Hull, on a note,	70 00
	J. Poor, for ½ cord of wood for the Town House,	3 00
	W. W. Stickney, for advice,	1 00
	Revenue stamps,	9 75
	Postage,	1 59
	Stationery,	4 16
	Lights,	18
	John Kimball, interest on note,	60 00
	Sally Eastman, " "	35 60
	Atlantic Insurance Company, interest on note,	60 00

Paid J. Palmer, administrator on estate of H. Eastman,— interest on note,	$31	18
J. N. Austin, for services as Town Clerk,	21	70
Blank book and stationery,		50
J. C. Blodgett, for time spent at Concord, Portsmouth and Kittery, to examine this town's quota,	18	00
Do., for use of horse and wagon,	2	00
T. H. Blake, for services as Moderator at the spring and fall elections of 1864,	3	00
Elizabeth Williams, interest on note,	24	00
A. J. Towle, interest on notes,	55	00
J. C. Blodgett, for expenses in looking after this town's quota,	12	45
Oliver Smith, interest on note,	12	00
Granite State Bank, balance of interest on note,	2	77
C. H. Goodwin, for books,		97
Odlin's Express,	1	20
Perkins, "	1	00
C. H. Bell, for advice,	2	00
P. Ordway, for sawing wood at the Town House,		75
J. Getchell, for sealing weights and measures,	2	95
Joseph Poor, getting weights and measures sealed,	1	25
C. E. Tucke, for lighting Town House for Co. School Committee,		50
B. P. York, note and interest,	189	97
A. Eaton, " " "	151	50
A. G. M. Titcomb, expenses to Portsmonth, for exemption,	1	50
J. A. Currier, on a note,	12	00
J. S. Austin, " "	10	00
N. C. Twombly, balance of interest,	1	14
J. T. Blake, for taking affidavits,	4	00
H. D. Bachelder, for making out bounty assignments,	3	00
Granite State Bank, a note,	155	00
J. Palmer, for collecting taxes,	36	00
Granite State Bank, note and interest,	309	63
S. Hall, for Printing Town Accounts,	11	00
For copying Town Accounts and procuring their printing,	1	50
Auditors,	3	00
T. M. Prescott and others, their non-resident highway taxes,	7	36

STATE AID TO VOLUNTEERS &c.

Paid C. E. Bachelder,	$144 00
J. O. George,	127 20
A. Rowell, for 13 months,	100 00
R. Eastman,	144 00
W. H. Hodgdon,	144 00
G. R. Cilley,	56 00
G. P. Rowe,	96 00
J. E. Brown,	144 00
H. D. Peacock,	48 00
J. L. Eaton,	62 00
M. D. Dresser,	144 00
F. L. Blake,	144 00
W. F. Blake,	96 00
J. A. Currier,	22 00
J. S. Austin,	66 00
J. T. Hilliard,	144 00
W. H. Chace,	11 61
J. Rowe,	4 00
L. Wadleigh,	4 00
C. Rowe,	4 00
E. E. Fellows,	4 00
J. O. George, a discharged soldier,	27 47
J. O. George, on his second discharge,	8 00
G. E. Ramsdell, discharged soldier,	16 00
F. Tilton, " "	6 00
D. C. Smith, " "	32 00
M. L. Rowell,	4 00
J. Chase,	4 00
J. Chase, for Feb. 1864,	12 00
	$1,818 28

BOUNTIES TO VOLUNTEERS AND DRAFTED MEN.

Paid J. M. Healy, for an assignment of aState bounty,	$300 00
T. C. Shaw, " " "	300 00
T. C. Shaw, Town bounty in part,	200 00
B. G. Moulton, State and Town bounty and Int.	603 60
J. Cilley,	50 00
T. J. Harris,	450 00
J. A. Currier, State bounty,	100 00
J. A. Currier, Note and Interest,	102 25

Paid E. P. Austin, State bounty,	$100 00
J. S. Austin, " "	100 00
J. S. Austin, Town bounty,	100 00
S. H. Brown, State bounty,	100 00
J. Riley, Administrator of the estate of J. Riley, Jr., a Town bounty,	200 00
C. Rowe, National bounty,	402 00
C. Rowe, Town bounty,	200 00
J. D. Prescott, State bounty,	100 00
B. F. Lovering, State bounty,	300 00
B. F. Lovering, Town bounty,	150 00
	$3,857 95

AS ROAD AND BRIDGE EXPENSES.

Paid D. G. York, repairing bridge and Plank,	$1 10
T. H. Kimball, " "	3 00
H. C. Tucke,	5 00
	$9 10

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Newell Dow, poll tax,	$3 72
S. Austin for a dog,	1 00
Heirs of M. Kimball,	1 00
B. Fellows, poll tax,	3 72
J. Hilliard, for a chaise,	75
J. Davis, for a dog,	1 00
T. H. Blake, for a dog,	1 00
G. Osgood, poll tax,	3 64
J. B. Rowe, poll tax for 1862,	2 02
Dorothy Brown, poll tax,	62
Z. Roberts,	1 39
P. Spaulding,	21 05
	$40 91

FOR MAKING PATHS IN SNOW.

Paid J. Palmer,	$20 00
J. Tilton,	17 70
J. Collins,	9 60
J. Poor,	3 50
B. F. Lovering,	22 60

Paid E. Brewer,	$19 05
D. G. York,	34 83
J. R. Lamprey,	11 20
H. Brown,	7 20
A. J. Shaw,	5 33
	$151 01

SELECTMENS' BILLS.

Paid for ordinary services,	$27 00
Taking inventory and making assessments,	21 00
To thirteen days spent in going to Portsmouth and expenses,	35 70
To appraising woodland,	9 00
To perambulating town lines,	15 00
As Overseers of the Poor,	6 00
To five days to Concord and expenses,	31 10
To going to Exeter 25 times,	13 00
To making return of inventories of the years 1863 and '64, for a new apportionment of State tax,	4 50
For ascertaining the war debt of the town, by request of the Governor and Council,	3 00
J. Poor, for making taxes and recording inventory,	8 00
J. Poor, for ten days' time to hire money,	10 00
J. D. Prescott, time and team, six days, to hire money,	12 00
W. F. Fitts,	3 00
To making out return of State aid,	4 50
J. Poor for receiving and disbursing the money of the town,	40 00
	$242 80

RECAPITULATION.

Amount raised and received for the year 1864,	$14,762 06
Remaining in the hands of the Selectmen for the year 1864, in cash,	760 16 ~~719 83~~
Remaining in the hands of the Collector, for the years 1861 and '62,	45 58
Remaining in the hands of the Collector for 1863,	11 69

		148 36
Remaining in the hands of the Collector for 1864,		~~$189 49~~
" Notes against the State,		300 00
Remains,		$1,266 59
Expended,		13,495 47
		$14,762 06
Town debt,	$25,341 09	

DUE THE TOWN.

State aid for the current year,	$1,709 20
From National Government,	2,226 00
	$3,935 20

JEREMIAH POOR,
J. DEAN PRESCOTT,
W. F. FITTS,

Selectmen of Kensington.

KENSINGTON, March 10, 1865.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, for the year ending March 10, 1865, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and do accordingly approve of the same.

THOMAS H. BLAKE,
JOSEPH W. BROWN,

Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF KENSINGTON,

For the Year ending, March, 1865.

Your Committee has visited each school near the time of its opening and its close, besides occasional visits at other times. He has been favorarly impressed with the appearance of progress. The teachers, one and all, appear to have been competent to the duties devolving on them, and to have discharged their duties conscientiously.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Session — Miss ABBIE M. BLODGETT, Teacher. Length of session, 19 weeks; whole number of scholars, 50; average attendance, 36. Miss SARAH F. BLODGETT, sister of Miss ABBIE, taught in the district the summer before. The Misses Blodgett are so well known and appreciated as teachers that praise seems surperfluous. The order, easy and gentle management and evidence of progress in the school are a sufficient commendation. It is sincerely to be hoped the Town will not forget that they have such teachers within their limits.

Winter Session — Mr. FRANK D. VEASEY, Teacher. Whole number, 49; length of session, 11 weeks; average attendance,

34½. Mr. Veasey is an experienced teacher, and the school has had his services before. Scholars made good progress in the the various branches of study. The class in Algebra and the higher branches of Arithmetic deserve much praise. The teacher's method of imparting instruction to the primary classes was excellent. Had he been more stringent in discipline, it would have been an improvement.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Session — Miss ARAMINTA D. RICHARESON, Teacher. Length of term, 17 weeks; whole number, 44; average, 32. Miss R. suffered much from ill health during the term, particularly towards the close, which was a disadvantage to herself and the school. Notwithstanding, the scholars made commendable progress. Considering the disadvantages under which she labored, Miss R. is deserving commendation.

Winter Session — Rev. E. D. ELDREDGE, Teacher. Length of term, 14½ weeks. Whole number of scholars, 53. Average attendance, 35.

It is believed that good discipline was maintained, and that good progress was made in the studies. One large class in Colburn's arithmetic, embracing about half the school, deserved much credit for the ambition they manifested in solving its difficult problems. Some of the intellectual material of the school was of an ordinary quality, such as requires much *rubbing* to give a polish.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Your Committee begs leave to suggest that a much greater interest ought to be felt by parents in regard to the benefits their children derive from the school. Do not most parents feel as though their responsibility ceases when the "committee man" is chosen? and, consequently, if their children fail to make advancement, the fault is charged to the negligence or incompetence of the teacher. Facts abundantly show that

those parents who take a lively interest in the school, never, if possible, detain their children from school; speak with them in the evening about their studies; teach them to respect their teacher, and visit the school occasionally, have the happiness to see them advancing in their studies, and in true dignity and manliness of character. Children thus cared for seldom fail to become ornaments to society and the pride of parents.

On the other hand, parents who are always complaining of the teacher in presence of their children; who never visit the schoolroom; often detain them for some trifling reason, do much, unconsciously, to make their children ignorant and vicious. If it was understood that the parents and guardians of children would all and always be present at the close of the school, it would greatly stimulate both teachers and scholars.

Again. Scholars at school, like all other persons, are affected by outward circumstances. A house that is neat, commodious and well ventilated, with handsome and convenient desks, comfortable seats, &c., will attract and induce study. Whereas, one that is shabby in appearance, with walls broken and dingy, rickety desks, seats so crowded as to screw up the young limbs like a boot on the tree, will excite the evil genius of the boy. He feels a sort of license to open his jacknife rather than his spelling book, and make figures on the desks rather than on the slate. In this respect one of our schools labors at a disadvantage.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ERASMUS D. ELDREDGE,

Supt. School Committee.

KENSINGTON, March 1, 1865.